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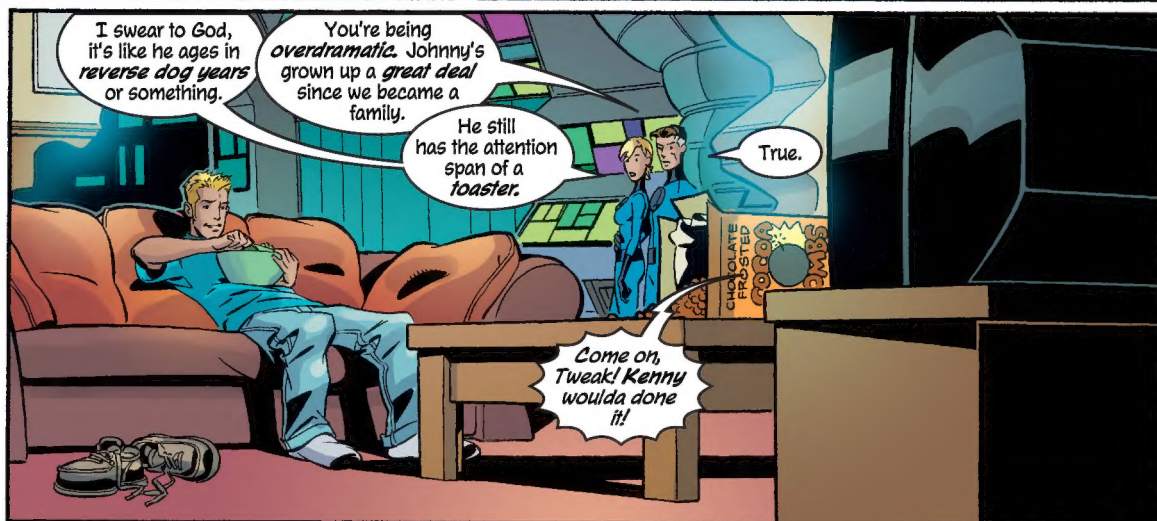
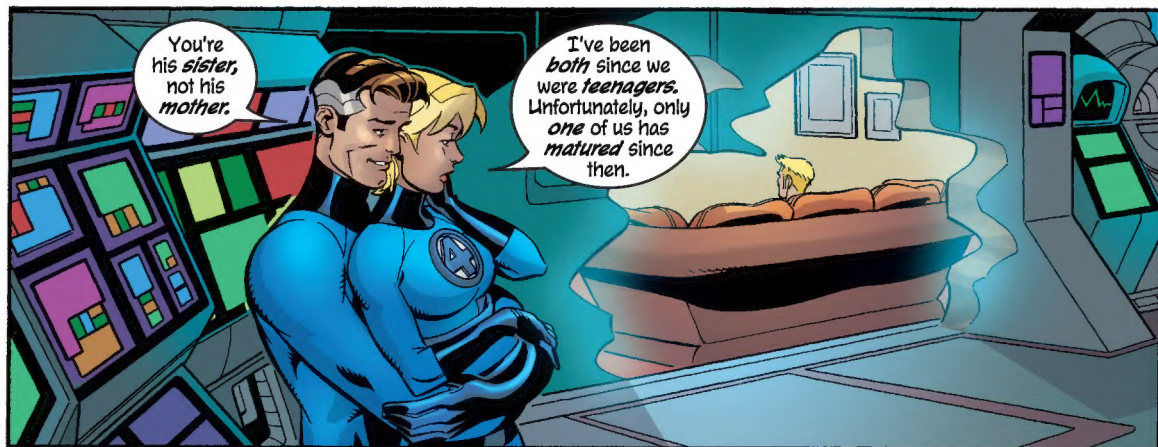
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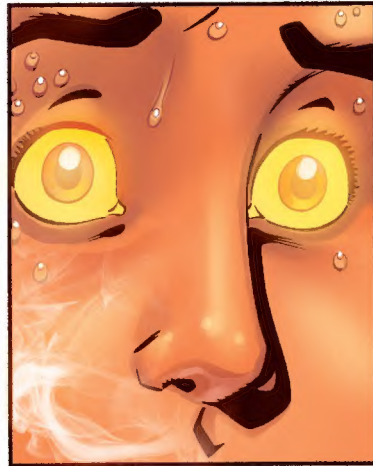
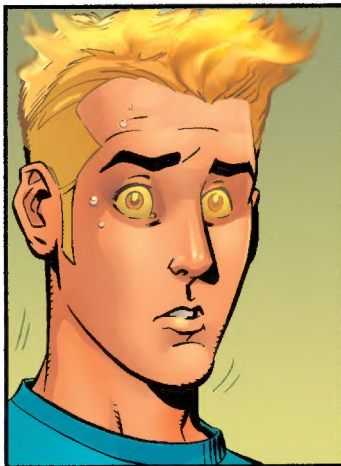
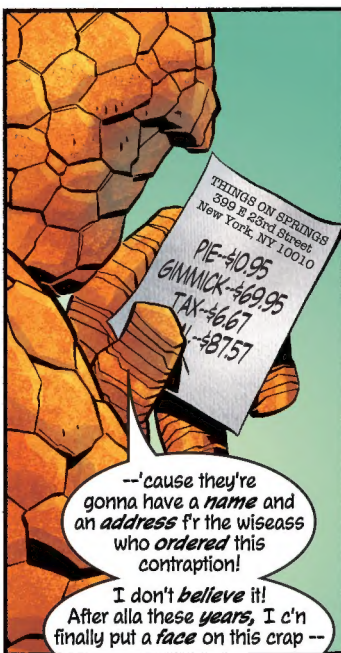
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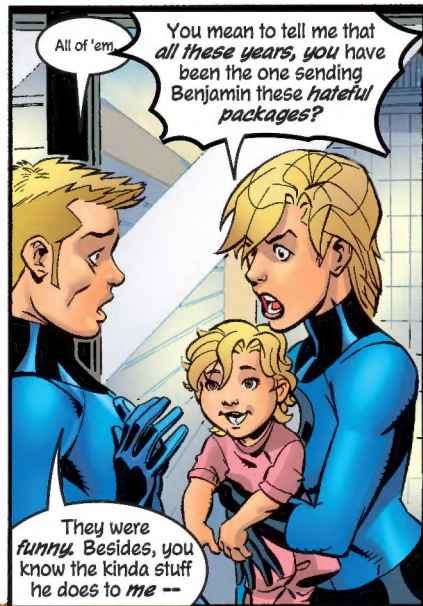
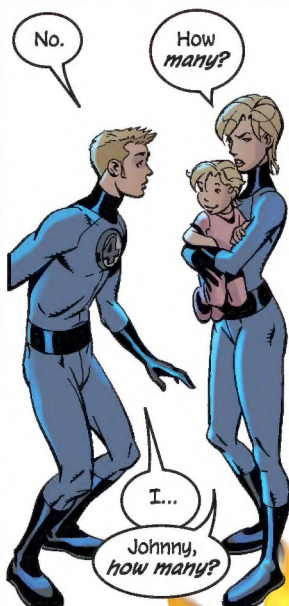
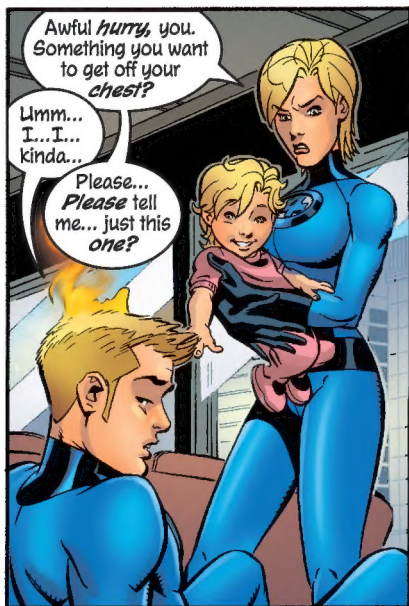




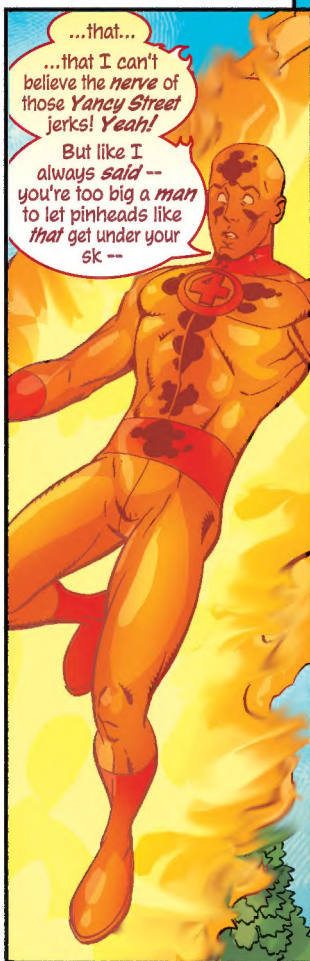
Stan Lee Presents:

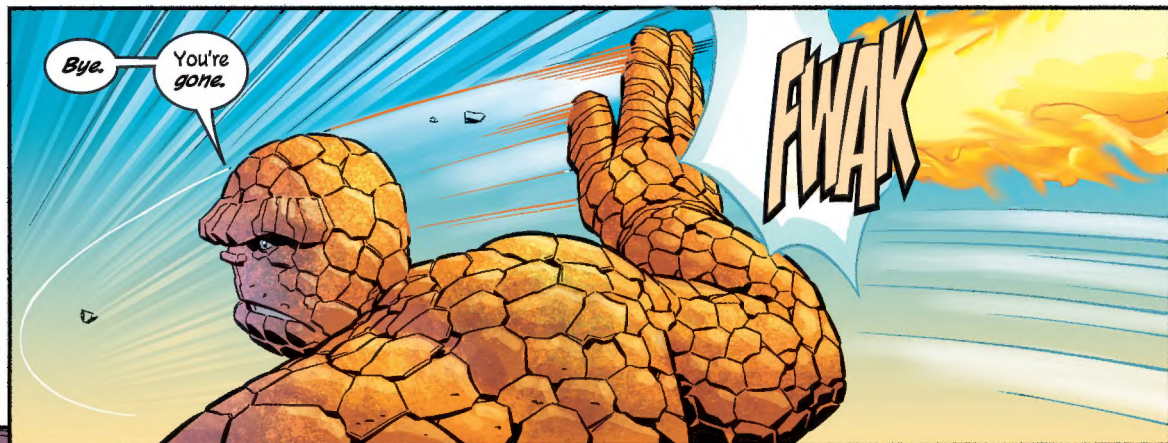
24 Blocks and One Blockhead

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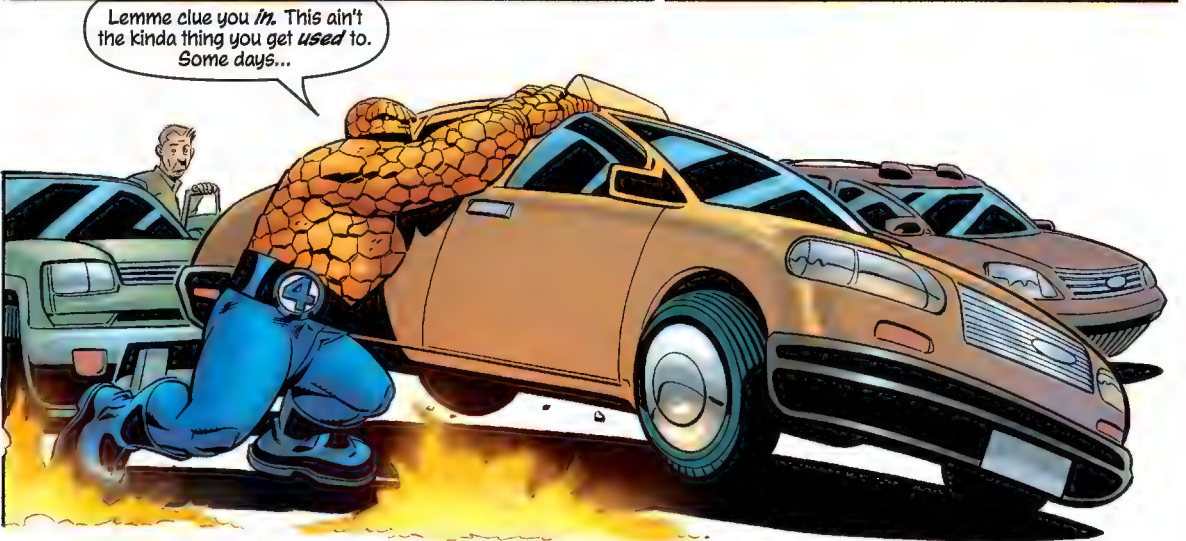


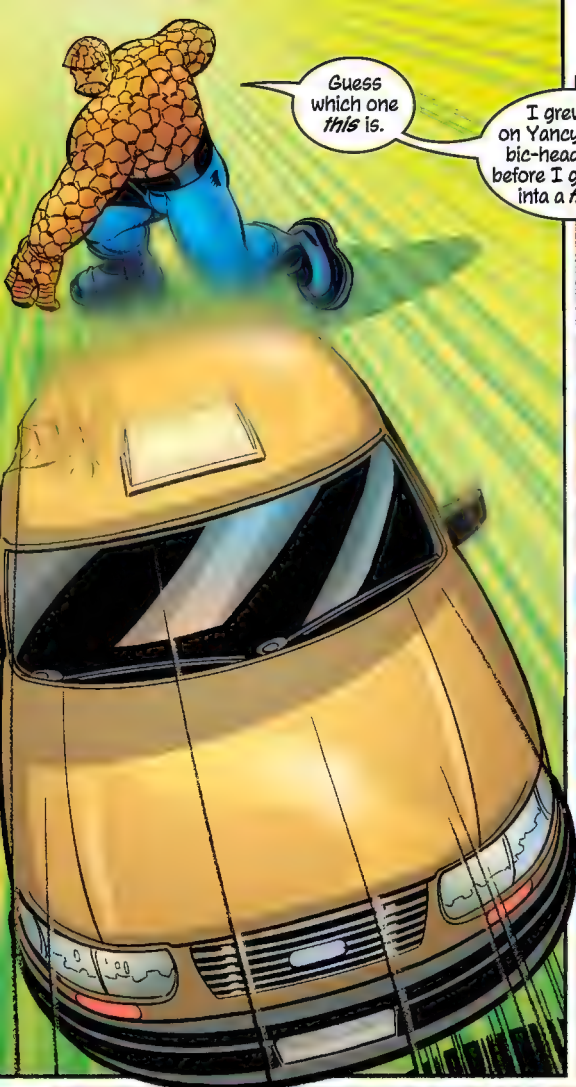












Guess which one *this* is.

I grew up on Yanney Street, bic-head. Back before I got made into a *freak*.

And every time I get another friggin' *package* from the old neighborhood...



bbbbglllbbbbb!



...I get t' remember how there ain't no goin' *back* there.



Wow. I never...

...I'm sure whoever had that *package* sent never *thought* of it *that* way, Ben. Let... let *me* talk to him.

Be my *guest*.



He'll be at *Mercy General*. If he's *lucky*.

4 Reed's lab.

Oh, the genome's connected to the... protonomic spectrolyzer, the protonomic spectrolyzer's connected to the... intracytoplasmic injector grid, the intracytoplasmic injector grid's connected to the...

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...meson-collider current supply...

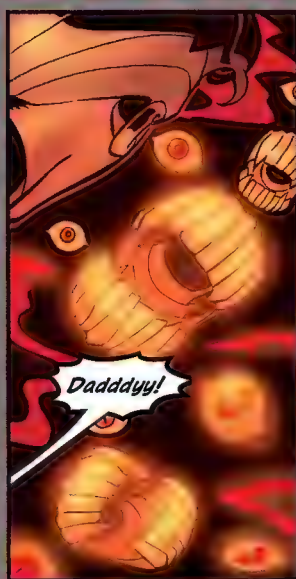
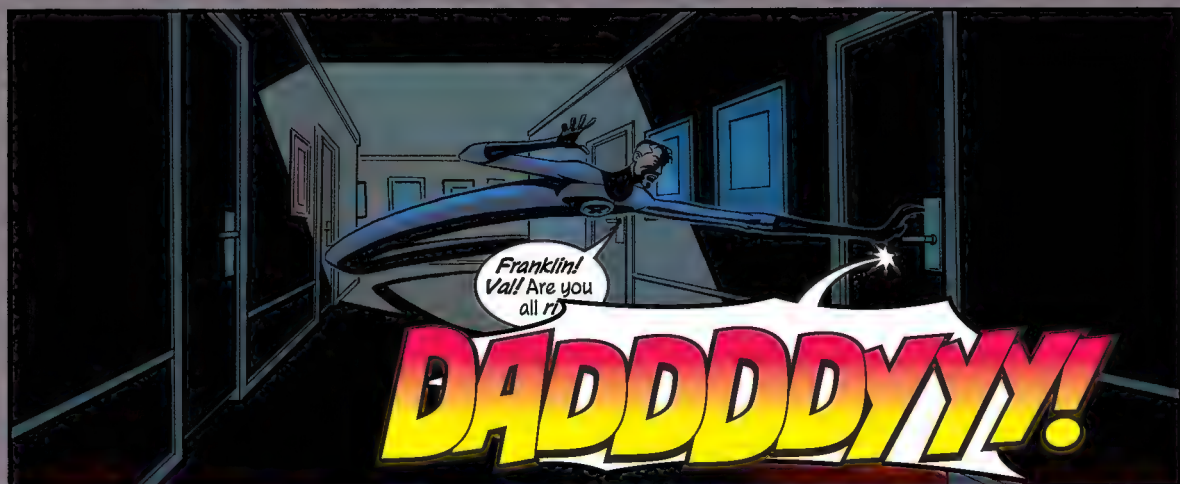
...which has fail-safes backing up its fail-safes. Barring a full collapse into a black hole...

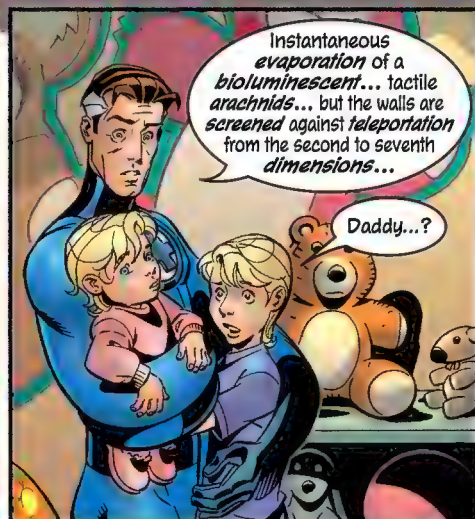
...it's scientifically impossible for the Baxter Building to experience a power outage.

That is, unless we're under some sort of extratechnological...

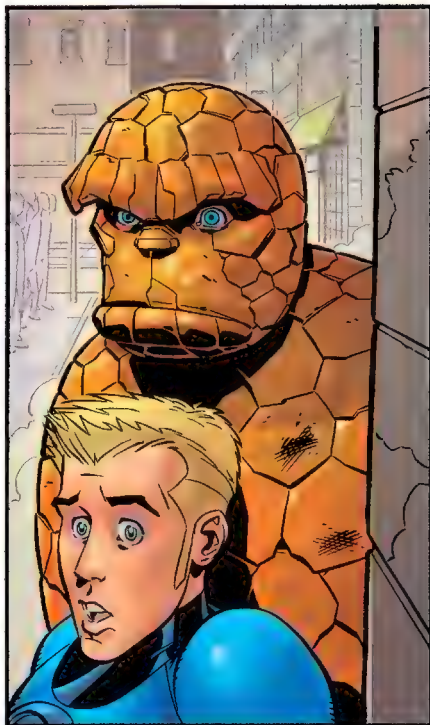
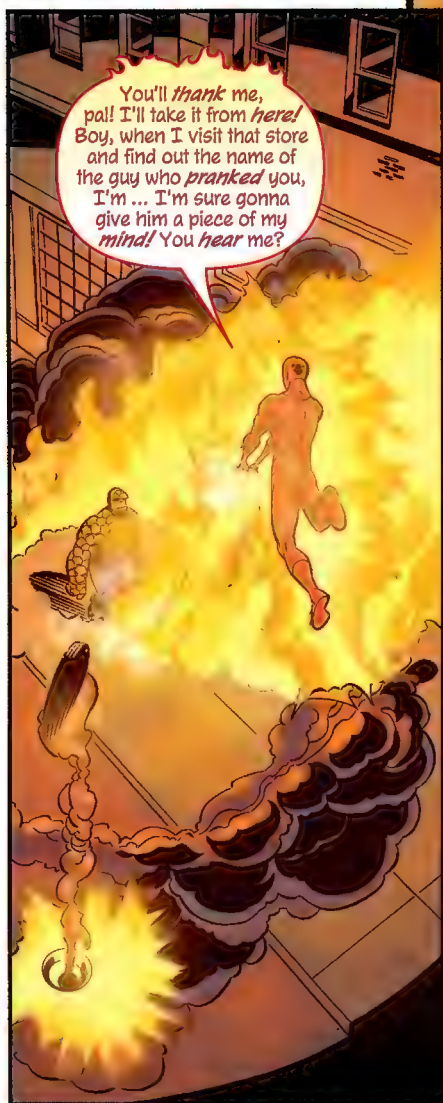
...attack...

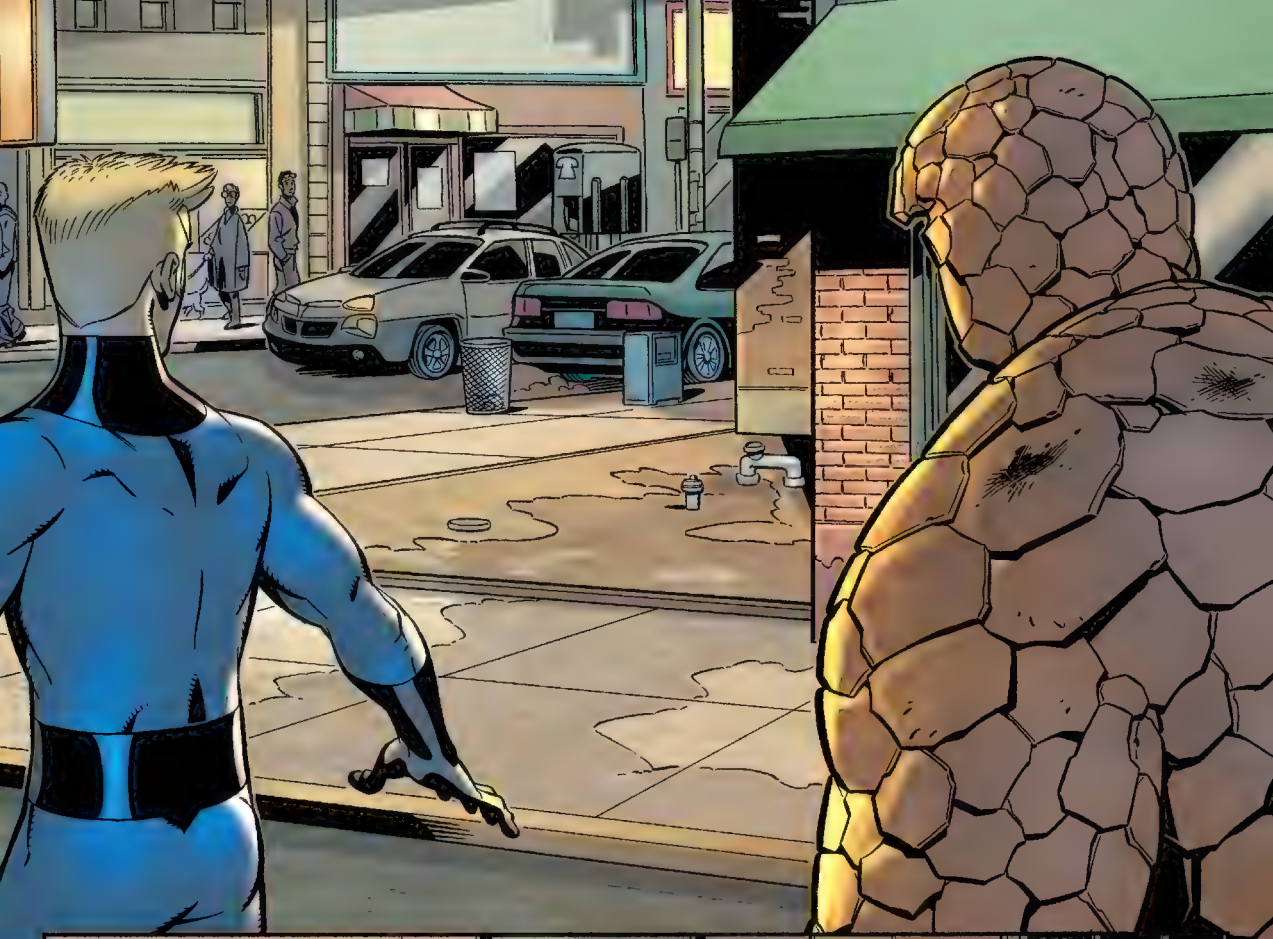
The children--!



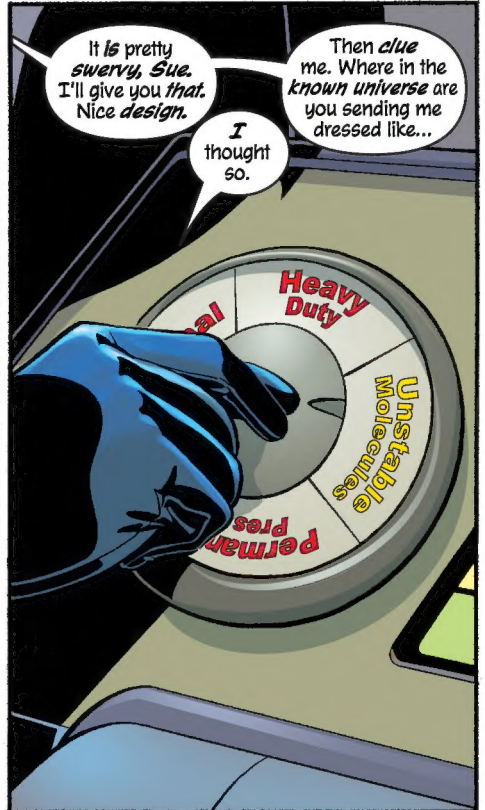
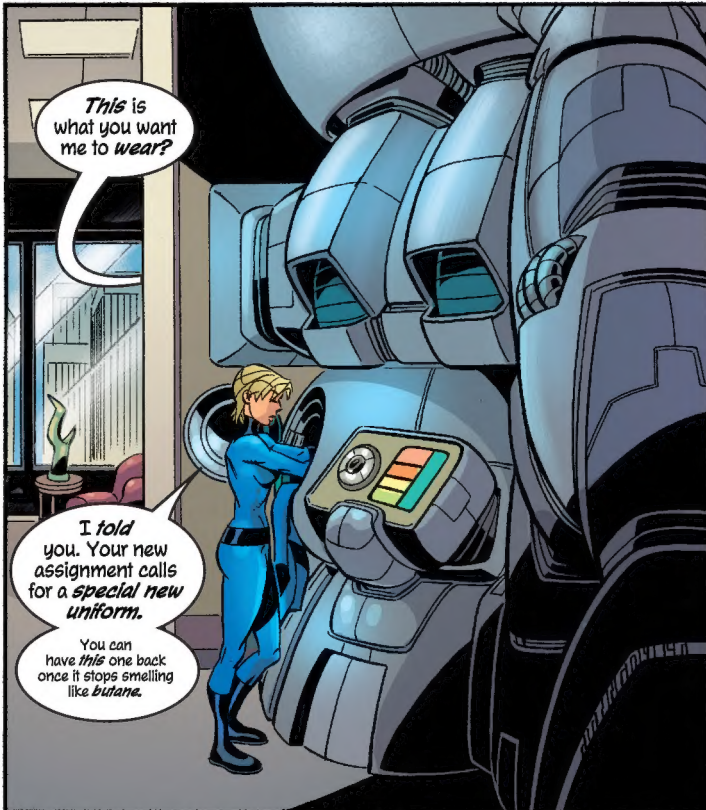
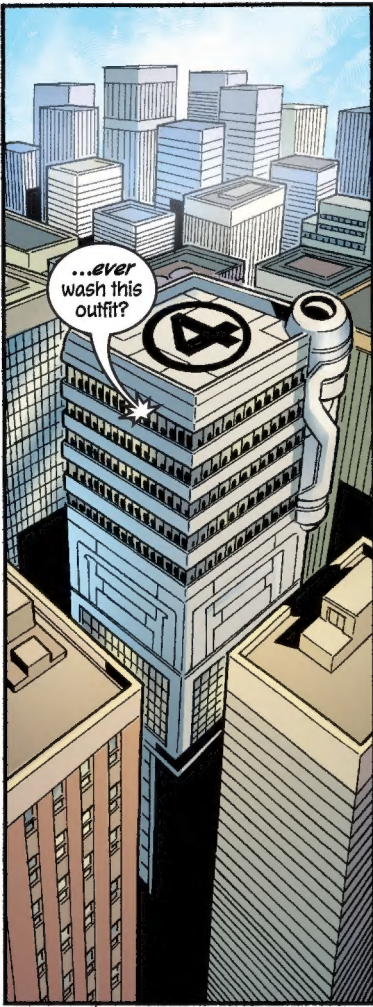


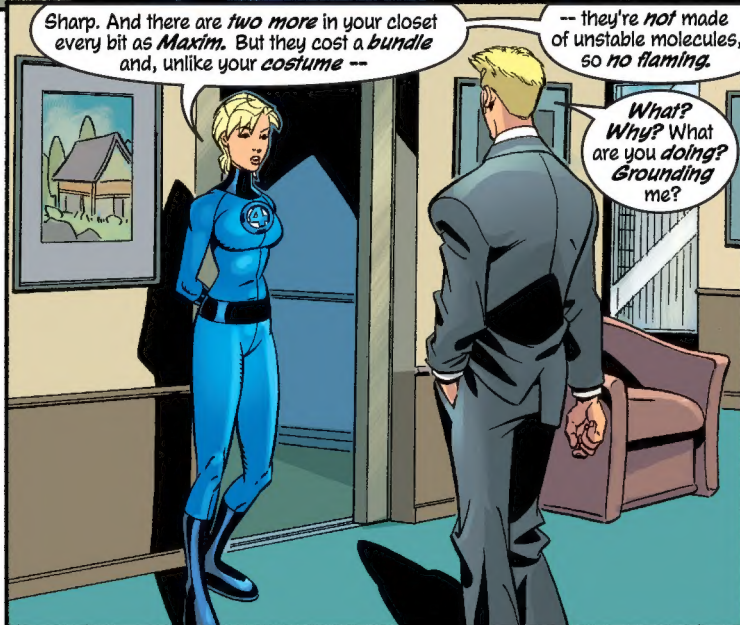


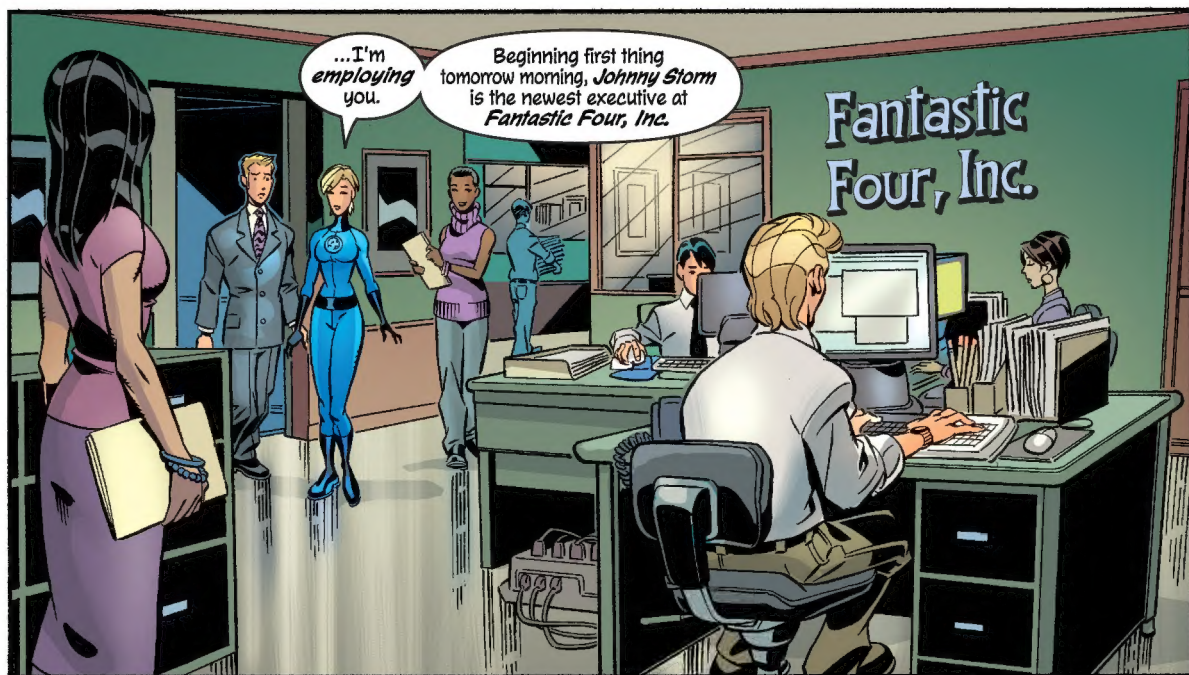








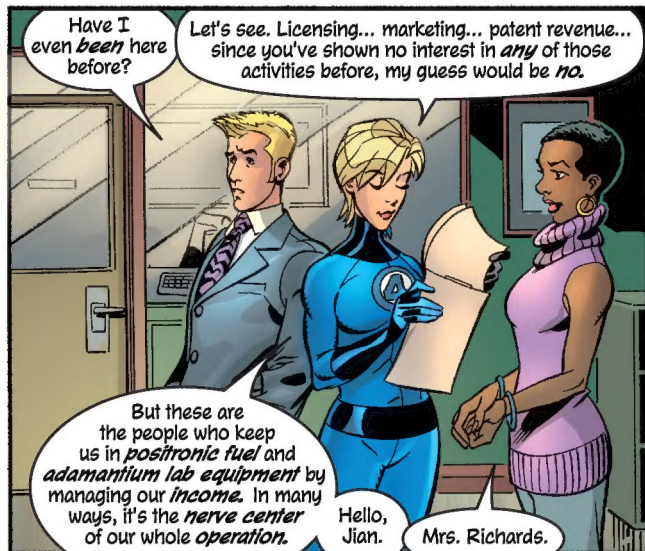




...I'm
employing
you.

Beginning first thing
tomorrow morning, *Johnny Storm*
is the newest executive at
Fantastic Four, Inc.

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Four, Inc.



Have I
even *been* here
before?

Let's see. Licensing... marketing... patent revenue...
since you've shown no interest in *any* of those
activities before, my guess would be *no*.

But these are
the people who keep
us in *positronic fuel* and
adamantium lab equipment by
managing our *income*. In many
ways, it's the *nerve center*
of our whole *operation*.

Hello,
Jian.

Mrs. Richards.



You're sticking
me in the *family*
business?

Yep. Johnny, listen... over
the years we've given you your
share of small responsibilities,
but they just don't seem to...
take.

When we're not
out *adventuring*, a
big day for you is *still*
tricking out a
V10...



V8.

I like Tom
Green.

...whatever...
followed by an afternoon
of *Tom Green* reruns. You're
capable of *so much more*
than that... and we're going
to *prove* it.

Then TIVO it. As
I say, *little* responsibilities
don't make *dents*... so I have
no other recourse than to throw
you into the *deep end* of
the *pool*.



Next: JOHNNY SCREWS UP.